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Whereas, Indiana has the 40th highest number of birth defects in children among the 50 states;

Whereas, Indiana's poor ranking requires us to try to find a way to protect our children from birth defects;

Whereas, Four major problems threaten the health of America's babies: birth defects, infant mortality, low birthweight, and lack of prenatal care;

Whereas, On an average day in America, 411 babies are born with a birth defect, and 18 babies die as a result of a birth defect;

Whereas, The mission of the March of Dimes, a national nonprofit organization, is to bring us closer to the day when all babies will be born healthy;

Whereas, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt established the March of Dimes in 1938 to fight polio, and the first research grant was awarded to Yale University the same year;

Whereas, Over its 63 year history, the March of Dimes has saved millions of babies from death or disability;



Whereas, The March of Dimes has been a pioneer in preventing birth defects, the nation's number one child health problem, through programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy;

Whereas, The March of Dimes is advocating for Indiana's babies; and

Whereas, Indiana's hope for ensuring that future generations get the best chance for a healthy start in life depends upon accurate and timely birth defect monitoring and identification: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
- 2 legislative council to assign the health finance commission the topic of
- 3 studying ways to prevent birth defects in Indiana.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the local March of
- 6 Dimes chapter.

